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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER, 1867.

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Arrivals.

Oct. 29. H. M. S. *Princess*, 365 tons, 18 guns. 200 H. P. *Steamer*, Nagasaki 24th Oct. Oct. 29. U. S. s. *U. S. Monitor*, 390 tons, 10 guns. 500 H. P. *Cutter*, Whampoa 26th Oct. Oct. 29. *GOLAH*, Shan. h. 543. *De Silva*, Ningpo 25th Oct. *Balist*, CHINER. Oct. 29. *NINON*, Brit. s. 520. *Peake*, Shanghai 26th Oct. *General*, P. & O. Oct. 29. *WAT CHEP*, Amher. b. 323. *Ainsworth*, Swan 18th Oct. *Sugar*, D. LARPAK & Co.

Departures.

Oct. 30. *MACARON*, for Aberdeen Dock.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE, OCTOBER 29TH.

Morning Star, for Singapore.

King Je, for Bangkok.

Bengal, for Manila.

White Bantam, for Manila.

Passengers.

For *Nicholas*, s. *De Shangha*. Mr. and Mrs. *John*, *John*, *John*, *John*, and *Servants*, *Mrs. Tabor*, *Mrs. Lawrence*, and *servant*, *Messrs. Head*, *Ring*, *Brett*, *Macintosh*, *Andrews*, *Hurst*, 37 Chinese deck and 4 servants.

Reports.

H. M. S. *Perseus* having experienced moderate E. winds and fine weather on her passage from *Portsmouth* to *H. M. Ships Banda* and *Perseus* were both in that port.

The steamer *Galath* from Ningpo. *Galath* having experienced from *Portsmouth* to *H. M. Ships Banda* with a very high sea throughout the passage.

The American *barque Wind*, *Chase*, having left *Shanghai* 18th October, bound for *Chao-tao* with a cargo of sugar. Experienced strong N.E. gale, and on the 2nd inst. the vessel began to make water and the leak increased to such an extent that it was deemed advisable to run back for *Hongkong*.

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Auction Sales To-day.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. *Spades and Buggies*.

H. N. MODY.

Iron Treasury.

Cotton.

HONGKONG AMERICAN THEATRICAL SOCIETY.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST for the ensuing Season are now lying at the Club and at Messrs. ANDREW CRAWFORD & Co.

The Company are to give Five Subscription Performances during the Season, for which they have fixed the Subscription at:—

For each STALL, \$10.

For each BOX, \$15.

H. H. BURWELL NELSON, Hon. Secretary of 2223 Hongkong, 29th September, 1867.

NOTICE.

The Underwriters in ready to receive Tenders for the sum of 54 COALS to the unlettered Ports, viz.—

Swatow, about ... 360 Tons.

Amoy, ... 300 Tons.

RICH'D. F. HAWLEY, Acting *Marl. Surveyor*.

H. M. S. *Yard*.

Hongkong, 5th August, 1867.

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MESSRS. H. MARSH & Co. Establishments will be CLOSED about the 1st of October, and the 1st of November, and the 1st of December, and the 1st of January, and the 1st of February, and the 1st of March, and the 1st of April, and the 1st of May, and the 1st of June, and the 1st of July, and the 1st of August, and the 1st of September, and the 1st of October, and the 1st of November, and the 1st of December, and the 1st of January, and the 1st of February, and the 1st of March, and the 1st of April, and the 1st of May, and the 1st of June, and the 1st of July, and the 1st of August, and the 1st of September, and the 1st of October, and the 1st of November, and the 1st of December, and the 1st of January, and the 1st of February, and the 1st of March, and the 1st of April, and the 1st of May, and the 1st of June, and the 1st of July, and the 1st of August, and the 1st of September, and the 1st of October, and the 1st of November, and the 1st of December, and the 1st of January, and the 1st of February, and the 1st 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Notices of Firms.

THE BUSINESS of the Undersigned at this Port, will in future be carried on under the style and firm of **A. CO. & CO.**
ANDREW LEIGHTON,
Honan, Canton, 18th October, 1867. I.M. 2495

M. ROBERT ALEXANDER HONESTON is authorized to sign our Firm in China.

JOHN F. BARDINE, JAMESON & CO.

24th October, 1867.

NOTICE.

M. B. JOSE CANDIDO DOS REMEDIOS is authorized to sign our Firm in Portugal for the duration of this date.

REMBIDOS & CO.

112, Hongkong, 15th October, 1867.

M. B. MAURICE DE LINNE'S Interest and Responsibility in our Firm ceased on the 1st October, 1867.

LANDSTEIN & CO.

223 Hongkong, 24th October, 1867.

NOTICE.

WE have this day established ourselves at this port as **SHIP CHANDLERS** and **GENERAL STOREKEEPERS** to the stores and **WAREHOUSE** of **MR. JOHN SCHIFFEL**, No. 8 and 10, Water Street, Hongkong.

FAHRELLMANN & FISCHER

Im 245 Hongkong, 15th October, 1867.

NOTICE.

JOHN FRANCIS PAWLET, deceased, the business of a **Shipowner** and **General Storekeeper**, lately carried on by the said **JOHN FRANCIS PAWLET**, Victoria Dock, Hongkong, on the First day of January, 1867, that **MR. JAMES WILLIAM PEACEY** has purchased the said business, and will in future carry on the same under the style or firm of **PEACEY & CO.**

Dated the First day of January, 1867.

G. FALCONER.

Administrator of the Estate and Effects of

JOHN FRANCIS PAWLET, deceased, who are to be conducted under the style or firm of **J. H. COOK, Son & Co.**

17th October, 1867.

THE Interest as **Responsibility** of **MR. H. CHAND**, **ROUNER**, **TYRES** in our Firm

on the 1st day of July, 1867.

ELPHANT & CO.

2185 Hongkong, 24th September, 1867.

NOTICE.

MY BUSINESS as **SILK** and **INSURANCE** **AGENTS** is **REBORN** from our firm this day, and will be conducted under the style or firm of **J. H. COOK, Son & Co.**

17th October, 1867.

NOTICE.

EDWARD CUNNINGHAM has **REBORN** our firm to which also **MR. WALTER H. PEACEY, Jr.** is admitted Partner, and **Responsibility** commencing the day.

RUSSELL & CO.

17th January, 1867.

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EXTRACTS.

GUN COTTON FOR BLASTING PURPOSES.

(From the "Fall Mall Gazette.")

The recent experiments of gun cotton at Government have led us to call your attention to the exact point at which this substance explodes.

The shooting season having begun, this is a

matter of special importance, as it may be

with the shot-shells, as well as with the

explosive point of the substances really in.

But first, we must be informed as speaking only

of chemical gun cotton. And here, the terms

of gun cotton are of two classes, i.e.,

either of nitro-glycerine, which is

fused, or imperfectly acted upon by nitro and

nitro-glycerine, there are nitro-vinylates, and

all sorts of intermediate forms, but, in

the case of gun cotton, there is a

falling short, in greater or less degree,

of the chemical purity.

On the subject of gun cotton of this description, when submitted to various artificial

temperatures, we have an elaborate and trust-

worthy account in the "New Year's Book of

Proprietary Medicine," published by the Royal

Society. From the experiments recorded in this

lecture, it appears that "the average tempera-

ture at which gun cotton explodes is in a

constant ratio to the temperature of the gun

cotton, about 150 deg. Centigrade, or 303 deg.

Fahrenheit; and, according to Schreber,

Reichenbach, and others, the gun

cotton will not explode until it is heated

to 192 deg. Centigrade.

It is evident, therefore, that

unless experiments select their own vessels

as receptacles for gun cotton, they

must be under no circumstances at possible

accidents from excess of temperature. How

the accident at Stowmarket occurred is not

yet been explained, but it is evident that

the accident was not due to the over-heating

of the gun cotton, more than to the

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